

REMARKS

The above-referenced patent application is a divisional application of patent application serial no. 09/925,245, filed on August 08, 2001, titled "Quantum Magnetic Memory," by Hannah, *et al.*, a copy of which accompanies this preliminary amendment. This divisional application is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d) and is submitted to put the pending case into condition for allowance thereof. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter the foregoing preliminary amendments and consider the following remarks regarding this continuation patent application.

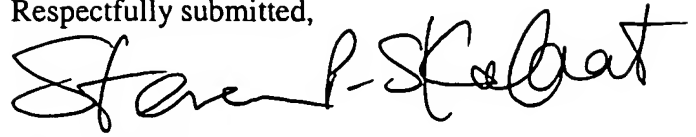
Claims 1-22 are now pending the above referenced patent application. No claims have been added or amended. Claims 23-30 have been cancelled without prejudice. It is noted that Applicants intend to pursue the claims, cancelled above, to issuance in patent application serial no. 09/925,245, which has currently received a notice of allowance. Therefore, no prosecution history estoppel or change in scope of the claims should result from the foregoing amendments.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, they are invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 264-8074. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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